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- Several sources predict that the Russians will call an ACA meeting and submit Volksbegehren lists asking the ACA to acknowledge the People's Initiative. Simultaneously a committee of Germans will attempt to establish a central government. This committee of Germans would have a bourgeois majority, including persons from the western zones. Rudolf Nadolny would be Foreign Minister. Dr. Erwin Eckhart would also be included in the cabinet. Erich Gniffke and Andreas Hermes as prospective candidates for president are allegedly drawing up the plans for this committee. They will try, however, to make the idea seem free of Soviet or SED influence. Comment: 25X1A  
The first sentence is in line with Slavin's remarks in 25X1A  
Similar information on Gniffke was received by another source. Eckhart is a prominent KPD leader in the French Zone.)
  - SED circles say that they have been instructed to relax their campaign to oust the Western Powers from Berlin until it receives less attention from home governments. They should temporarily give impressions of a willingness to cooperate and not permit Berlin to become the main issue of world politics.
  - The above information is perhaps rumor or a plant.

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